

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of John CRESCENTI et al.

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Title HIERARCHICAL BACKUP AND RETRIEVAL
SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action received January 17, 2002

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claims 20-30 as follows:

20. A backup and retrieval system for a network computing system, the
network computing system comprising a plurality of network devices storing data, the
backup and retrieval system comprising:

a plurality of backup cells comprising:

a backup device executing a backup of the data stored on at least one
of the plurality of network devices;

a management component, residing on and configured to execute on
any network device and communicatively coupled to at least one backup device, for
controlling the backup of the data to the backup device; and

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